



State of New Hampshire  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY  
WET 2004-05**

December 10, 2004

Stephen and Carol Welch  
PO Box 7132  
Gilford, NH 03249

RE: DES Wetlands File #1997-00605 Rattlesnake Island, Alton

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Welch

On July 18, 2002, and again on October 29, 2004, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection of the above referenced property, more specifically referenced on Town of Alton Tax Map 75 as Lot 39 (the "Property"). The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with RSA 482-A and NH Code of Admin. Rules Wt 100-700.

During the inspection the following deficiencies were documented:

- 1) A deck measuring 20' wide x 12' long has not been removed.
- 2) The new dock, permitted under Wetlands Bureau permit 1997-605, is attached to the existing deck.

Review of Wetlands Bureau Permit 1997-605 reveals that removal of the 20' x 12' deck was a condition of the permit.

In response, you are requested to take the following actions:

- 1) Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, submit photographic evidence that the deck has been removed from the shoreline and placed at least 20' landward of the high water line.

RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging, filling, or construction in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit. If work is done without a permit, this is considered a violation of RSA 482-A. Failure to respond to this Letter of Deficiency in a timely and complete manner may be construed as noncompliance by the receiving party.

DES personnel may conduct another inspection at a later date to determine whether you have come into and are maintaining full compliance with the applicable statute and rules.


Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of civil or criminal penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

D. Forst  
Shoreland Section Supervisor  
Department of Environmental Services  
29 Hazen Drive  
PO Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or wish to arrange a meeting, please contact me at (603) 271-2147.

Sincerely,

  
Collis G. Adams, CWS  
Administrator  
Wetlands Bureau

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cc: Rene Pelletier, Manager, Land Resources Management Program  
Gretchen Rule, Administrator, DES Legal Unit ✓  
Alton Conservation Commission  
Alton Board of Selectmen  
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